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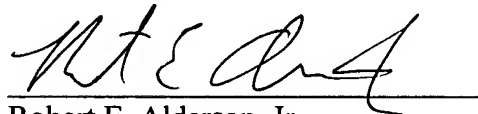
Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, Applicants hereby request  
that the above-identified application be made special in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) for  
the reasons stated in the enclosed Petition to Make Special from the parent application, Ser. No.  
09/949,926.

Respectfully submitted,

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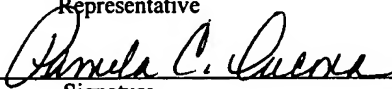
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Pilon et al.  
Serial No. : 09/949,926  
Filed : April 14, 2000  
For : METHODS & COMPOSITIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, Applicants hereby request that the  
above-identified application be made special in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

M.P.E.P. § 708.02 XII provides that Applicants who are small entities may request that their biotechnology application be granted "special" status upon the filing of a petition with the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). The petition must (a) state that small entity status has been established or include a statement establishing small entity status; (b) state that the subject of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity; and (c) state that the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed, including an explanation of the basis for making the statement.

Therefore, in accordance with the foregoing requirements, small entity status has been established in this application, by virtue of the attached verified statement claiming small entity status, which was filed with the subject application on April 14, 2000. The small entity which is responsible for this application is Claragen, Inc. and the rights in and to the invention described in the instant application have been assigned to Claragen, Inc. by each of the inventors, as evidenced by the attached assignment (filed herewith).

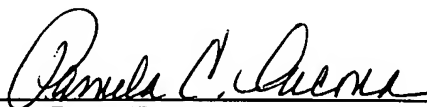
Further, the subject of the instant application, i.e., the use of human uteroglobin or recombinant human uteroglobin in the treatment of fibrotic conditions, to increase lymphocyte production *in vivo*, and to improve and/or normalize lung function, pulmonary compliance, blood oxygenation, and blood pH, is a major asset of the small entity, Claragen, Inc.

Finally, the development of the technology outlined in the instant application will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed. In particular, Claragen needs the financial support of investors to develop the technology outlined in the instant application. However, in order to gain their support, Claragen must show that the technology is protected by an allowed or issued patent. Therefore, if the examination of this application is not expedited, the technology cannot be developed.

In view of the foregoing remarks and attachments, Applicants request that this application be granted "special" status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102.

Respectfully submitted,

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